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| 8 | BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING | |
| 9 | DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA | |
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| 11 | In the Matter of the Accusation Against: | Case No. 2009-107 |
| 12 | BELINDA A. SCHEXNIDER 5439 Carlton Street | ACCUSATION |
| 13 | Oakland, California 94618 | |
| 14 | Registered Nurse License No. 532460 | |
| 15 | Respondent. | |
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| 17 | Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges: | |
| 18 | <u>PARTIES</u> | |
| 19 | 1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the | |
| 20 | Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer | |
| 21 | Affairs. | |
| 22 | Registered Nurse License | |
| 23 | 2. On or about May 27, 1997, the Board issued Registered Nurse License | |
| 24 | Number 532460 ("license") to Belinda A. Schexnider ("Respondent"). The license was in full | |
| 2: | force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on | |
| 20 | December 31, 2008, unless renewed. | |
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JURISDICTION

- Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in 3. pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with Code section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
- Code section 118, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the 5. suspension, expiration or forfeiture by operation of law of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 7. Code section 2762 states, in pertinent part:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

- (a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.
- (e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section.

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28 /// 8. Code section 4060 states, in pertinent part:

No person shall possess any controlled substances, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor....

9. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a) provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.

COST RECOVERY

10. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

11. **DRUGS**

"Demerol," a brand of meperidine hydrochloride, is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (c)(17), and a dangerous drug under Code section 4022 in that under federal and state law it requires a prescription.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtained and Possessed a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law, and Self Administration)

- 12. Respondent has subjected her license to discipline under Code section 2762, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that in or about December 2001, while on duty as a registered nurse at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Oakland, California, Respondent, by her own admission, committed the following acts:
- a. Respondent obtained the controlled substance Demerol by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge, by taking the drug from hospital supplies for her own use, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a).

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syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 8865295

d. On December 8, 2001, at 1710 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 09952562

e. On December 8, 2001, at 1820 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 0886225

f. On December 8, 2001, at 1850 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 10545767

g. On December 8, 2001, at 2030 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 86562959

h. On December 8, 2001, at 2045 hours, Respondent withdrew one 75 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 75 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 03652004

i. On December 9, 2001, at 1930 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent

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Patient 8665617

On December 9, 2001, at 2030 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 j. mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 9556285

On December 9, 2001, at 2030 hours, Respondent withdrew one 75 mg/ml k. syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 75 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 95568865

On December 9, 2001, at 2130 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 1. mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 06231622

On December 9, 2001, at 2230 hours, Respondent withdrew one 100 m. mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 100 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 08852652

On December 9, 2001, at 2300 hours, Respondent withdrew one 50 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 50 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

Patient 08852968

On December 9, 2001, at 2315 hours, Respondent withdrew one 75 mg/ml syringe of Demerol from the narcotic cabinet without a physician's order. Respondent documented on the Controlled Drug Record that she administered one 75 mg/ml Demerol syringe to the patient; however, there was no patient with this medical record number.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 532460, issued 1. to Belinda A. Schexnider;
- Ordering Belinda A. Schexnider to pay the Board of Registered Nursing 2. the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,

Executive Officer

State of California

Complainant

Board of Registered Nursing

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Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3.

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